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Applicant(s): Masaya OKITA
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DRIVING
A NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending
prior application:

Serial No.: 09/660 279 Filed: September 12, 2000
Applicant(s): Masaya OKITA
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DRIVING A NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL
Group: 2675 Examiner: Nelson
which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/807 833
filed February 26, 1997.

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any
applications from which this prior application may claim priority,
is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification and claims based on the Application Serial No.
09/660 279 in which no new matter has been added.
- ☒ A copy of Declaration from Application Serial
No. 09/807 833.
- ☐ Specification (for a continuation-in-part application)
- ☐ Declaration or Oath (for a continuation-in-part application)

The filing fee is calculated as shown below, based on the claims
filed in the prior application but after canceling any claims which
this transmittal indicates are to be cancelled prior to such
calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	() LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$370.00	\$370.00
Total Claims	(18 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	(4 - 3 = 1)		x \$ 84.00		x \$ 42.00	42.00
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☒ A Check for \$412.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

- [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 which may be required by this communication, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] A Statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 regarding small entity status:
- [X] was filed in prior application Serial No. 08/807 883,
filed February 26, 1997.
- [] is enclosed. (Not required if a Statement is in the prior application.)
- [] Cancel in this application original Claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
- [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a of Serial No. , filed .---
- [] Transfer the formal drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by a person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138 and before payment of the issue fee.)
- [X] 5 Drawing Sheets [X] Formal
[] Informal
- [] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japan Application No. 221827/1996, filed August 6, 1996.
- [X] The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 08/807 883, filed February 26, 1997.
- [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Dale H. Thiel (Reg. No. 24323), David G. Boutell (Reg. No. 25072), Ronald J. Tanis (Reg. No. 22724), Terryence F. Chapman (Reg. No. 32549), Mark L. Maki (Reg. No. 36589), David S. Goldenberg (Reg. No. 31257), and Sidney B. Williams, Jr. (Reg. No. 24949), all of 2026 Rambling Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.
- [X] The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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- [] The Power does not appear in the original papers; a copy of the Power is enclosed.
- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Masaya OKITA and FAD INC. (Reel 9627/Frame 0220).
- [] An Amendment Before First Office Action is enclosed. (Claims added are numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim.)
- [] Information Disclosure Statement
- [X] Acknowledgment Postal Card

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

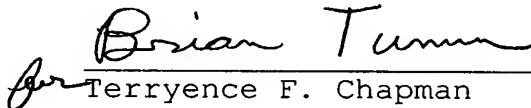
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Document(s) attached: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application
Transmittal (in duplicate) with
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